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1. FBI PRESENTLY USES FOLLOWING WEAPONS TO COMBAT
AIRCRAFT HIJACKERS: .306 OR .308 MODEL 70 WINCHESTER
WITH A 3 X 9 VARIABLE REDFIELD SCOPE IS USED AS SNIPER
RIFLE. A BALL BULLET WITH A 150 GRAIN CARTRIDGE USED
IN RIFLE. CROSS COMBAT .357 MAGNUM OR A 38 CALIBRE
SPECIAL REVOLVER WITH 4 INCH BARREL FIRING BALL BULLET
WITH 158 GRAIN CARTRIDGE USED. REVOLVER PREFERRED OVER
AUTOMATIC SINCE REVOLVER NOT INCLINED TO JAM IN FIRE
FIGHT. SHOTGUN ALSO USED WHICH IS MODEL 870 SPLIT ACTION
REMINGTON WITH 20 INCH CYLINDER BORE BARREL. 00 BUCKSHOT
OR RIFLE SLUG AMMUNITION USED IN SHOTGUN. (ANY PURCHASES
BY IRAN MILITARY ARE ENTIRELY IRANIAN DECISION WITHOUT
FBI ENDORSEMENT.)

2. VARIOUS TYPES OF BODY ARMOR HAVE BEEN TESTED, NONE
TO DATE DETERMINED ADEQUATE. TESTING CONTINUING.

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3. DEMOLITIONS: HIJACKERS MAY BE INCLINED TO USE

PHOSPHOROUS OR HIGH EXPLOSIVE TYPE GRENADE OR SATCHEL
PACK.

FOR TRAINING KEY IRANIAN (ENGLISH-SPEAKING) MILITARY
PERSONNEL IN ALL ASPECTS OF PREVENTING AIR PIRACY AND
RELATED CRIMES. IF EMB WITHOUT MAKING COMMITMENT CAN
DETERMINE DETAILED NEEDS OF IRANIANS, FBI WILL UNDERTAKE
TO DETERMINE WHETHER TRAINING CAN BE PROVIDED IRANIANS,
WHICH WOULD INCLUDE USE OF WEAPONS AND HAND-TO-HAND
COMBAT. APRIL 1974 WOULD BE EARLIEST STARTING DATE.
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